

DUTCH OIL REPLY CAN'T SATISFY U.S.

Washington Threat Hastens The Hague to Deny Exclusion in Sumatra.

CONCESSIONS SHUT OFF

Only Netherlands Subjects Can Manage Exploitation in Djambi Fields.

'NO CAUSE TO COMPLAIN'

Holland Hopes to Keep America's Good Will, as Japanese Aggression Is Feared.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau,
Washington, D. C., May 5.

The Netherlands Government has taken cognizance of the American threat of retaliation concerning the Dutch Government's policy of barring Americans from participation in the exploitation of the Djambi oil fields of Sumatra. The statement explains the situation in Sumatra and denies a policy of exclusion. It is known that the Dutch Government is greatly concerned over the attitude of the United States, whose friendship it greatly relies on in protecting its East Indian possessions against Japanese aggression.

No official comment was made here to-day on the Dutch statement, but it is believed that it is regarded as unsatisfactory. The statement in part follows:

"The primary object, therefore, of the Netherlands in opening the so-called Djambi oil fields on the island of Sumatra is to make these actively productive as soon as possible. In the matter of marketing the finished product the most liberal policy toward the consumer is to be followed. Holland has consistently maintained an open door policy both in the mother country and in her colonies. With regard to actual mining operations the Netherlands Government has to maintain a considerable amount of control. This is imperative on account of the nature of the country, where conditions are vastly different than in other oil producing countries, for instance, the United States.

"No more concessions will be given for the exploitation of oil fields, but the Netherlands East Indian Government will either develop the oil fields or else do so by contract with persons or private companies having previously been authorized to do so. These companies must be incorporated either in the Netherlands or in the Netherlands East Indies. No limitation is put on the ownership, the holding or the control of the stock of such companies. The managing and directing boards are to be Netherlands subjects or subjects of the Netherlands East Indies. Every foreigner can claim residence soon after arrival in the East Indies.

"With regard to the present Djambi contract it may be useful to point out that the decision to work the Djambi oil fields through a company in which the Dutch East Indian Government and the Bataafsche Company work together does not in any way mean the granting of a monopoly in all the East Indian oil fields to either the Bataafsche or to the purely Dutch corporation which controls this latter company, the Royal Dutch. In defending the bill concerning the Djambi fields in the States General the Dutch Minister of the Colonies has strongly spoken against such a monopoly and has pointed out that within a short

NO MORE GUESSWORK AS TO WHAT FILLS STORE PIES

Standard 'Stuffing' Agreed On by Master Bakers of Nation Who Feed Near Million Daily, Chicago Leading New York by 75,000 Cuts a Day.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
CHICAGO, May 5.—America's pie is to be standardized. Piemen from all over the country gathered to-day at the Sherman Hotel and organized the National Association of Master Pie Bakers.

After an all day session of the seventy-five pie magistrates it was the unanimous verdict that Chicago was the greatest pie eating city in the United States.

"Chicago consumes 75,000 pies every day," declared L. M. Sticker of Cleveland, one of the organizers of the new association. New York comes second, with 60,000, and Philadelphia third, with close to 50,000. The largest ten cities in the country are eating a half million pies daily.

"One billion pies are eaten every year

time other oil fields of even greater importance may be opened up.

"The Netherlands Government has openly declared to be in favor of an open door policy and considers that the interest which foreign capital takes in the development of the East Indies can only work to the advancement of the colony. It must, moreover, not be overlooked that the Djambi contract has been the subject of negotiations with the Bataafsche Company for several months. Serious offers from other companies were received only after the contract with the Bataafsche had been signed. Some of these other offers were made a few days before the public discussion in the second chamber of the States General of the bill—i. e., at a time when the only action possible was the rejection of the bill approving the Djambi contract and the subsequent holding up of the bringing into active production of these important fields until new contracts could be negotiated, signed and approved.

"There seems to be, therefore, no reason for complaint at present in regard to the oil situation in the Dutch East Indies, as the fields will now soon be on the point of actively contributing to the world's supply."

COL. HAYWARD CHOICE FOR U. S. DIST. ATTORNEY

Selection Not One Recommended by County Leader.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Col. William Hayward, who served overseas, is understood to have been selected for nomination as United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York at a conference to-day between the President and Charles D. Hilles, New York Republican National Committee.

Samuel S. Koenig, New York county leader, to whom the organization had left the selection of a candidate for United States Attorney in this district, had no information last night that Col. Hayward had been selected. Although Col. Hayward belongs to the organization, he was not one of the four men recommended by it through Mr. Koenig. Mr. Koenig has an appointment to talk with Attorney-General Daugherty on the matter on Wednesday.

HARDING GIVES PLEDGE FOR U. S. TO MAIMED MEN

Says Republic Should Prove Gratitude to Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—President Harding gave his pledge to-day to the disabled soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital that the nation would not fail in making them fit to embrace "the opportunity which is yours" as citizens of America.

Accompanied by Mrs. Harding and Senator Underwood, the President visited the hospital upon the occasion of an entertainment for the wounded soldiers arranged by the Alabama Society here.

In expressing the wish that the maimed before him might be restored by the wave of some magic wand, the President declared that the next best thing was for the republic to prove its gratitude to the soldiers by restoring them to a condition in which they might live as happily as possible.

In the United States, which is proof enough that French pastry and other half-baked desserts are not crowding the great American dessert off the table.

Joseph C. Hutchinson of Philadelphia, who was elected chairman of the National Piemen, said: "We just had to organize. There was too much experimenting on the part of these foreign born American pie makers. The Government has taken a hand in the manufacture of pies. We have been requested to agree on a standard filler for our pies. No more substitutes. Eggs must be eggs and sugar sugar. Peaches must resemble more closely the original product. The cherry made famous by the cocktail is now to be found in the cherry pie. Our meeting to-day has resulted in standardizing the pie along the same line as hair cuts, sauerkraut and dill-viners."

CHEESE PROFITEERS RULE RETAIL TRADE

Dealers Here Get 39 Cents for Varieties Quoted in West at 13 Cents.

Notwithstanding the fact that wholesale cheese prices have fallen to the lowest levels they have reached in six years, many retailers throughout the city are selling the same varieties for anywhere from twice to three times as much a pound. In northern New York and Wisconsin cheese prices were quoted at 13 cents a pound yesterday, while retailers in this city are receiving from 34 to 39 cents.

Wholesalers in discussing the failure of retail merchants to conform to the trend of the market, declared this course, adopted by many retail stores, is inexcusable, in view of the fact that in all food lines the turnover is rapid and at no time is the merchant left with large stocks of goods.

Egbert Seymour of Egbert Seymour, Inc., 29 Jay street, told a reporter for THE NEW YORK HERALD yesterday that the wholesale produce, egg, butter and cheese industries were back to pre-war levels, but that normal conditions affecting the cost of living were impossible until retailers contributed their part. "Freight rates, he declared, were ruinously high and would also have to be reduced.

An investigation made of comparative prices affecting butter, cheese and eggs yesterday showed retailers generally selling at prices out of proportion to market trends. The fanciest quality of white eggs, which were quoted yesterday at 28 to 30 cents a dozen wholesale, were held at from 45 to 50 cents by retailers. Fine creamery butter, which sold yesterday at 28 and 39 cents a pound wholesale, was held at 50 to 60 cents by the retailers. Even print butter was sold at retail prices ranging from 10 to 20 cents a pound higher than sold at wholesale.

Retail prices for lamb chops yesterday ranged from 45 to 50 cents a pound; round steak, 45 to 55 cents; lamb roast, 43 to 45 cents; pork chops, 35 to 40 cents; chickens, 45 cents.

1,000 CANDIDATES MADE KU KLUX KLAN KNIGHTS

Birth of Civil War Order of Same Name Observed.

ATLANTA, May 5.—Initiation of more than 1,000 candidates into the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was carried out with all the mystic ceremonials of the order here to-night at Lakewood Park, according to announcement from headquarters here.

More than 5,000 members were in attendance, the gathering being in celebration of the founding of the order of the same name in reconstruction days. To-morrow the klanmen will stage a parade and in the evening will go to Stone Mountain, sixteen miles east of Atlanta, where the present order, headed by W. U. Simmons, Imperial Wizard, was organized Thanksgiving Day six years ago.

BUDGET MEASURE PASSED BY HOUSE

Vote Stands 344 to 9 After Attacks Fail in Two Days' Debate on B.H.

CREATES 2 NEW JOBS

Similar Legislation Already Acted Upon Favorably in Senate.

NEW SYSTEM BY JULY 1

Effort to Place New Positions in Politics Is Defeated by a Large Vote.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
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Washington, D. C., May 5.

Budget legislation was brought a step nearer enforcement to-day when the House, after two days' debate, passed the bill creating a Bureau of the Budget and a general accounting office in the executive departments. The vote was 344 to 9.

The Senate already has acted on similar legislation, and differences between the two houses will be smoothed out in conference. Representative Good (Iowa) feels confident the bill will be sent to the President within two weeks so that nothing can delay the inauguration of the new system on July 1.

The main differences between the two bills follow:

The Senate bill creates the Bureau of the Budget as a division of the Treasury Department. In the House bill it is under no department, but is a separate and distinct Government bureau.

The House bill allows the removal by Congress of the Comptroller-General, the chief accounting officer, without approval of the Executive. It was this provision that caused former President Wilson's veto. In the Senate bill he may be removed by joint action of the President and Congress. Under the Senate plan the removal must be by joint resolution which requires the President's signature, while in the House bill a concurrent resolution not requiring the President's signature is provided.

Some attacks on the fundamental features of the bill were made in the House to-day, but all failed. As passed, it provides for the office of Director of Budget and the Comptroller-General. Each will receive \$10,000 a year. The Director will prepare the annual estimates and the Comptroller-General will be the auditing officer of the Government, replacing the present Comptroller of the Treasury. Both offices, in order that they may be kept out of politics

and real economies effected, are for tenure during good behavior.

An effort was made on the floor to place these offices in the political field, but it was defeated by a large vote. Likewise the bill brought up a fight on the present civil service system, the attempt being made to remove nearly all employees of the new bureau from the civil service. This was defeated 124 to 58.

FIGHT ON EMERGENCY TARIFF BILL CONTINUED

Democrats Centre Attack on Anti-Dumping Clause.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Democratic leaders in the Senate continued their attack on the emergency tariff and anti-dumping bill to-day, although friends of the measure, headed by Chairman Penrose of the Finance Committee fought them at every point.

Senator Simmons (N. C.), Democrat, charged Republicans with attempting to transfer "a lot of commodities from the free to the dutiable list" by use of the anti-dumping clause.

Mr. Penrose submitted estimates of Government activities showing that tariff items in the bill would produce approximately \$105,000,000 in the six months the law would be effective. He added that the amount was \$45,000,000 larger than the revenue received from the same sources under the present tariff laws.

NEGROES APPEAL TO HARDING.

Seek End of Race Segregation in Executive Departments.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—A memorial asking that race segregation be abolished in the executive departments of the Government was presented to President Harding to-day by a delegation of negroes representing the National Race Congress of America, which has been in session here.

The appeal also asked that the Federal Government exercise its powers against lynching, peonage, restriction of negro suffrage and Jim Crow regulations.

NO STRIKE EXPECTED BY STEEL CORPORATION

Officials Say They Have Few Union Men Employed.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
PITTSBURGH, May 5.—Officials of the subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corporation say they have no fear of a strike or any other trouble with the men regarding the 20 per cent. cut in wages.

Union officials were loath to talk, but as there are very few union men in the corporation mills or in the independent mills in this district either, this has no significance.

The assertion of men high up in the industry is that inasmuch as the cut by independent mills two months ago brought no refusal by the men to accept them it is not at all likely the workmen of the steel corporation will jeopardize their interests at this time.

1,255 WAR DEAD ARRIVE.

Bodies of 1,255 American soldiers who lost their lives in France and Belgium arrived here yesterday on the army transport *Somme*, accompanied by 418 comrades returning from duty on the German frontier. The ship reached Quarantine too late to dock until to-day.

LAWYERS TO REVISE STATE'S BASIC LAW

Gov. Miller Names Nine to Act With Judges in Constitutional Convention.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau,
Albany, May 5.

Gov. Miller to-day appointed nine lawyers who will sit in the convention to meet here next Tuesday to begin preparing amendments to Article VI. of the State Constitution. This convention is authorized to assemble at least once in five years to make such changes as are needed in the judicial article of the Constitution to keep it to date. It will have power to recommend fundamental changes in the judicial and legal procedure of the State.

Those named by the Governor are William D. Guthrie, president of the State Bar Association; William N. Dykman, Brooklyn; Alphonso T. Clearwater, Kingston, formerly president of the Bar Association and Justice of the Supreme Court; Erskine C. Rogers, Hudson Falls; D. Raymond Cobb, Syracuse, formerly County Judge; James Phill, Norwich, County Judge of Chenango; Arthur E. Sutherland, Rochester, formerly Supreme Court Justice; Daniel J. Kenefick, Buffalo, formerly Supreme Court Justice, and William J. Wallin, Mayor of Yonkers.


Other members will be a Judge of the Court of Appeals, one Justice of the Appellate Division in each of the four departments, one Supreme Court Justice from each of the nine districts, three State Senators, three Assemblymen and the Attorney-General. The courts will designate their representatives.



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